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For : LIGHTING DEVICE FOR A HIGH-PRESSURE DISCHARGE

LAMP AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT EMPLOYING SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.